GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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DRUGS TO CONTROL SARS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether any pharmaceutical company has approached the Union Government for the development and manufacture of drugs to control and treat SARS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have asked some research institutes to develop anti SARS drugs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (Dr. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a): No sir,

(b):In view of reply given to part (a) above, does not arise.

(c) & (d): Indian Council of medical Research & Council ofScientific & Industrial Research have jointly started a programmeto develop anti-SARSdrug initially some of the Biologically active extracts of marine origin will be screened for the presence of anti-SARS compounds.This will be followed by purification and characterization of active molecule to develop as a drug depending upon the success of project.